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Docket No. 16497.5.1

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In re application of)
Richard S. Ginn et al.)
Serial No.: 10/669,313) Art Unit
Filed: September 23, 2003) 3733
Conf. No.: 4672)
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)
POSITIONING A VASCULAR SHEATH)
Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter)
Customer No.: 057360)

AMENDMENT "A"

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR POSITIONING A VASCULAR SHEATH

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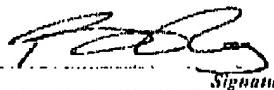
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